Mr. A. B. SALEM.

And no orders were specifically passed ?

PRESIDENT.

The objection cannot be given effect to. You may understand the answer in that sense.

Mr. A. B. SALEM.

That is the sense in which anybody would understand it.

PRESIDENT.

What is it you really want, Mr. Salem?

Mr. A. B. SALEM.

I want to know whether these objections were considered.

PRESIDENT.

The objections were not heeded to. I think you are having a discussion on the subject. I cannot allow that.

Mr. A. B. SALEM.

My question is about the shifting of the Leper Asylum from Vendurutti to Anappara. How was that question disposed of?

PRESIDENT.

The main question is that it should be located at Anappara. There were objections to this. I have stated that Government could not but pay heed to the objections of the people of Trichur.

Mr. A. B. SALEM.

Were any specific orders passed on the petition ?

PRESIDENT.

No specific orders were passed.

Mr. A. B. SALEM.

But Government say that they were considered with the main question.

PRESIDENT.

Let it then be taken as an incorrect answer

Mr. A. B. SALEM.

286. Will the Government be prepared to have the objections to the opening of the Asylum at Anappara examined by a competent Sanitary Authority from British India and our Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer ?

DIWAN BAHADUR Dr. V. VERGHESE.

It does not seem necessary, as a suitable site has since been pitched upon.

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Mr. A. B. SALEM.

Is it not necessary to have it examined by anybody else?

PRESIDENT.

The answer is:—" It does not seem necessary," and you ask: "Is it not necessary"? That is only a difference of opinion.

Mr. A. B. SALEM.

"There was no necessity to have it examined by a competent Sanitary Authority, as a suitable site has since been pitched upon".

PRESIDENT.

Your question is whether it was not found necessary, and the answer is "No".

Mr. A. B. SALEM.

Will the Hon'ble Member kindly let me know why they considered it not necessary?

PRESIDENT.

The question is one of spending more money on another site. That makes them feel that it is not necessary. Government do not agree with you. That is all.

In-patients, cooks, diet, etc., in Hospitals.

Mr. E. IKKANDA WARIAR.

287 Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) The number of in-patients admitted into the various Hospitals of the State, and to what castes and sects they belong;

(b) The total number of cooks employed in the various Hospitals of the State, and to what castes and sects they belong;

(c) What steps, if any, the Government has taken to remove the hardships caused to the high caste Hindus by preventing them from availing themselves of the Sirkar diet given in Hospitals by not engaging high caste Hindu cooks;

(d) The number of in-patients and out-patients admitted into the General Hospital in 1098, 1099 and 1100, and how many of them are *bona fide* subjects of the Cochin State and how many of Travancore and British Malabar?

DIWAN BAHADUR Dr. V. VERGHESE.

(a) The information available is contained in the statement attached. (*Vide Appendix I.*)

(b) 12. Five Nayars and seven Christians.

(c) Government will look into the matter, and do what they consider proper under the circumstances.

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